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MINUTES
TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE SIC

8 March 1951
1000 Hours at "M" Building
Room 2519

PRESENT:

Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, CIA (Chairman)
Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, AEC
Col. Lester S. Harris, USAF
Mr. A. Sidney Buford, III, State
Dr. Louis F. Woodruff, Army
Col. Lewis B. Ely, Army (Ad Hoc Member)
[REDACTED] (Secretary)

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NOTE: Cdr. H. C. Lawder, Navy, unable to attend due to priority commitment.

ITEM 1 - Approval of minutes of Special Meeting (3/19S)

NOTE: The Army member suggested deletion of the last sentence of paragraph 1 and the first five words of paragraph 2 of the draft minutes as circulated. The committee agreed to the correction of the minutes and approved them as modified.

- a. Action on items circulated since the 19th Meeting.
(See Agenda, SIC 2/20, Item 1, subparagraphs b. and c.)

(1) The members noted that the items were listed in the agenda for the record and that discussion at this meeting was not intended unless the members so wished.

ITEM 2 - Consideration of matters discussed at the Special Meeting
(SIC 3/19S)

- a. The Army member moved that:

(1) The committees noted below be abolished herewith and that the secretary send out appropriate notifications to this affect to the committee members and interested agencies:

Joint Anti-Aircraft Intelligence Committee (JAAIC)
Joint Aircraft Intelligence Committee (JACIC)
Joint Chemical Warfare Intelligence Committee (JCWIC)
Joint Electronics Intelligence Committee (JEIC)
Joint Guided Missiles Intelligence Committee (JGMIC)

b. At the suggestion of the Air Force member the motion was amended to include that:

(1) The remaining committees as noted below be continuously studied to determine whether they should or should not remain under the jurisdiction of the SIC:

Joint Biological Warfare Intelligence Committee (JBWIC)
Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC)
Joint SOVMAT Intelligence Committee (JSMIC)
Joint Medical Sciences Intelligence Committee (JMSIC)

The motion was seconded and discussed at length; a number of alternate procedures were suggested during the discussion. It was finally agreed that it would not be possible to obtain a vote at this meeting on the motion as presented above and that action should be postponed. In the meantime, the Chairman suggested that before the next meeting staff action be taken to establish:

(1) The reasons for abolishment or retention for each of the working committees noted.

(2) Recommendations for a substitute mechanism where necessary.

(3) Consideration of each working committee independently and delineation between matters which are purely scientific and matters which are clearly the responsibility of the Department of Defense.

In the meantime, the Chairman of the working committees will be requested to call meetings only when they have important matters to consider and to meet at the Pentagon or at the location which is most convenient to the Department of Defense members.

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Secretary, SIC